Table of	comparative	maximum and	l minimum	temperatures ;	for February.
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State or Terri-	ga-ai	For 1888.		Since	establish	ment o	f station.	th of
tory.	Stations.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Year.	Min.	Year.	Length record.
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Alabama	Mobile	75·3 69·8	30.0	80.5	1887	19.3	1886	18
Do Arizona	Montgomery Prescott	63.2	24.8	81.2	1883 1879	14·4 	1886 1880	16
Do	Fort Apache	68.1	23.0	74.0	1881	- 9.0	1880	10
Arkansas	Fort Smith	69.8	16.5	78.4	1883	1.0	1885	6
Do	Little Rock	75.0 76.3	18.0	77.0	1882 1886	7.6	1886	9
California	San Francisco San Diego	76·3	41.9	71.0 82.6	1883	33· 1 35· 0	1887	17
Colorado	Denver	70.5	15.5	72.0	1879	-22.0	1883	16
Do	Montrose	56.6	15.9	59.0	1887	2.3	1887	4
Connecticut	Now Hoven	48.7	- 1.5	65.0	1880	- 7·7 - 6·0	1886	16
Do		50.0	- 0.6	62.0	1880 1882		1871	15
Dakota	Yankton	49.2 55.8	-27.8 -19.4	57·0 68·0	1876	-41·2 -24·8	1886	15
Dis. of Columbia	WashingtonCity	61.0	12.6	78.0	1874	- 2.3	1886	18
Florida	Jacksonville	81.7	32·5 58·8	83.6	1887	24.3	1886	17
Do	Key West	80.5	58-8	87.0	1874	52.3	1886	18
Georgia Do	Atlanta	68.0 72.0	13.0 27.0	74·5 80·0	1883 1883	8.0	1885	18
Idaho	Boise City	63.8	24.0	65.2	1886	-12.0	1883	11
lilinois	Cairo	65.5	9.5	74.0	1883	- 2.6	1886	17
Do	Chicago	47.2	17.5	63.0	1880	-13.7	1885	16
Indiana Indian Ter	Indianapolis	59.8	- 2. I 18. 8	72.0	1883 1879, 1880	- 9.0	1885	15
Iowa	Fort Sill	74·8 51·0	-23.0	79·0 67·2	1882	- 3·5 -31·0	1883 1875	15
Do	Des Moines	57.2	-20.6	68.0	1880	-23.0	1883	10
Kansas	Dodge City	78.3	4.5	78· o	1876	20 .0	1883	14
Do	Leavenworth	62.9	— 5.0 8.0	73.0	1876	— 16⋅2	1885	17
Kentucky Louisiana	Louisville New Orleans	66.8 78.7	35.0	77·9 81·5	1887 1887	- 1.3 25.0	1885	16
Do	Shreveport	74.8	32.5	80.5	1876	14.6	1885	15
Maine	Eastport	45.8	— 8⋅3	48-6	1886	— 20∙0	1876	15
Do Maryland	Portland	43.9	 7⋅0	58.0	1880	-10.2	1886	17
Massachusetts.	Baltimore	59.9	11.1	78.0 64.0	1874 1880	- 1·1 - 6·6	1886 1886	16
Michigan	Boston Marquette	56.0 40.2	- 4.0 -26.6	69.0		-27.0	1875	
Do	Grand Haven	43.7	7.0	58.0	1877 1880	-24.0	1875	13 16
Minnesota	i Saint Vincent	39.0	-49.9	49.5	1886	-29.2	1885	8
Do	Saint Paul	45.3	-33.0 28.0	59.0	1880 1883	-32.0	1875	17
Mississippi Missouri	Vicksburg Saint Louis	74·0 62·8	2.5	83. I 74. I	1887	16·0 - 7·9	1886 1886	16 18
Montana	Ft. Assinaboine.	49.2	- 3·5 -21·8	63.2	1886	-55.4	1887	
Do	Helena	56.5	1.0	62· I	1886	-40.5	1887	9 8
Nebraska	North Platte	67.8	- 4.2	68.3 66.0	1882 1880	-22.2	1885 1883	14
Do Nevada	Omaha Winnemucca	62.5	-17·2 -16·6	69.0	1879	-24·9 -19·5	1883	16 10
New Jersey	Atlantic City	55.2	2.7	71.0	1880	— 5.ŏ	1875	15
New Mexico	Santa Fé	55.0	16.0	75.0	1879	 3.0	1879, 1880	16
New York	Buffalo New York City	51.2	- 8.0 j	63.8	1883 1874	-13.0	1875	16
Do North Carolina.	Charlotte	54·8 70·0	3.0 15.5	69·0	1883	- 4.0 5.9	1873 1886	17
Do	Wilmington	72.0	24.6	81.0	188o	. 10.0	1886	18
Ohio	Cincinnati	61.2	5.6	73.0	1883	– 9.6	1885	18
Do	Sandusky	53.1	- 3.0	70.0	1883	-14.9	1885	11
Oregon	Portland Roseburg	60.8	30.0 28.2	65.0 72.1	1886 1886	7·0	1883 1884	15 11
Pennsylvania	Pittaburg	61.1	1.1	76.5	1883	-10.0	1875	15
Do	Philadelphia	58.5	2.5	75.0	1874	2.4	1886	15 18
Rhode Island	DIOCK ISIANG	48-8	0.9	54· I 80· 4	1887	— 1.o	1886	9
South Carolina . Tennessee	Charleston Knoxville	71.8 67.0	27·5	79.0	1887. 1871	I3·3 4·1	1886 1886	15 18
Do	Memphis	71.0	21.0	79.0	1883	5.8	1886	16
Texas	Brownsville	83.9	45.9	85.0	1876	27.0	1883	13
Do	Fort Elliott	78.o	9.4	78.0	1880	-10.0	1883	9
Utah Virginia	Salt Lake City Lynchburg	58.7 66.0	23.5	68.0	1879 1874	-13·0	1884 1886	14
Do	Norfolk	68.7	17.2	75·0 81·0	1871	3.5	1886	15 18
Washington	Norfolk Spokane Falls	58.0	22.0	55-3	1886	-25.1	1883	8
ו סע	Olympia	59.0	29.0	61.0	1886	2.0	1884 1	11
Wisconsin	La Crosse	48.0	-28.0	65.0	1882 1882	-34·0	1875 1885	16
Wyoming	Milwaukee Cheyenne	45·3 56·2	-20·7 7·5	63.2	1886	-23.6 -28.2	1884	18 15
,	,	J. 2	1.3	-0		-3.4		•3

RANGES OF TEMPERATURE.

The monthly and the greatest and least daily ranges of temperature at Signal Service stations are given in the table of miscellaneous meteorological data. In the extreme northwest, upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys the monthly ranges generally varied from 70° to 85°; along the Gulf and Pacific coasts they were less than 40°, being below 30° at most sta-

In the table below are given some of the greatest and

least monthly ranges for February, 1888, with the maximum ranges for any month since the establishment of station:

Stations.	For February, 1888.	Greatest in any month since establishment of station.	Length of record, years.	Stations.	For February, 1888.	Greatest in any month since establishment of station.	Length of record, years.
Saint Vincent, Minn	85.0 82.5 80.1 79.7 79.1 78.9	99·3 93·5 80·4 73·0 93·2 93·2 96·5 90·7	8 8 18 17 18 4 4 18	Tatoosh Island, Wash. Key West, Fla Fort Canby, Wash. Astoria, Oregon Port Angeles, Wash San Diego, Cal. Olympia, Wash. San Francisco, Cal.	16.4 21.7 21.2 22.0 23.1 26.3 30.0 34.4	41.4 46.0 44.3 42.0 55.0 57.8 50.3	5 18 5 4 18 11 17

From the above table it will be seen that the monthly ranges at Duluth, Minn., and Davenport, Iowa, for February, 1888, are the greatest that have yet occurred at those stations. The greatest monthly range of temperature shown by records of the Signal Service, is 117°, which occurred at Fort Benton, Mont. in December, 1880.

FROST.

It is not considered of sufficient importance to give a detailed statement of the occurrence of frost in the Northern States. In Southern States, where the mouthly mean temperatures gen-

erally ranged above 50°, frost occurred as follows:

Alabama.—8th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 26th to 29th.

Arizona.—2d to 9th, 11th to 14th, 19th to 25th, 27th. Arkansas.—6th, 8th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 19th to 25th, 27th. California.—1st to 10th, 15th to 20th, 22d to 25th, 27th to 29th. Florida.-14th, 20th, 26th to 29th.

Georgia.—9th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 26th to 29th. Louisiana.—8th, 12th to 14th, 17th, 19th, 25th to 29th. South Carolina.—1st to 3d, 9th, 13th to 19th, 26th to 29th. The most southerly stations reporting frost were as follows:

Mobile, Ala., 27th; Fort Huachuca, Ariz., 3d, 5th, 8th, 20th, 21st; Riverside, Cal., 2d, 3d, 5th, 7th, 8th, 20th, 24th; Archer, Fla, 14th, 28th, 29th; Cedar Keys, Fla., 28th; Quitman, Ga., 28th, 29th; New Orleans, La., 27th, 28th; Abbeville, La., 28th; Biloxi, Miss., 28th.

TEMPERATURE OF WATER.

The following table shows the temperature of the sea-water for February, 1888, observed, under conditions as given, at the harbors of the several stations; the monthly range of water temperature; the average depth at which the observations were made, and the mean temperature of the air:

	Т	empera	ture at bot	tom.	Mean tem- perature	Average depth of		
Station.	Max.	Min.	Range.	Monthly mean.	of air at the sta- tion.	water in feet and tenths.		
		•	•	•				
Canby, Fort, Wash	47.5	40-5	7.0	44-1	43.3	14.8		
Cedar Keys, Fla	70.3	56.ŏ	14.3	64.3	61.7	7.9		
Charleston, S. C	56.0	49-5	6.5	53.4	54.0	34.2 16.0		
Eastport, Me	35.5	32.6	2.9		22.6	16.0		
Galveston, Tex	61.7	55.7	6.0	33·3 58·9	58.8	14.8		
Key West, Fla *	79.0	69.0	10.0	75· i	72.4	18.1		
New York City	36.6	31.0	5.6	32.0	31.6	13.0		
Pensacola, Fla	65.4	53.2	12.2	61.0	58.9	17.3		
Portland, Me	32.6.	29.4	3.2	30.7	23.2	15.7		
Portland, Oregon	46.a	40.7	5.3	43-6	44.0	15.7 55.8		

* Record for 27 days.

PRECIPITATION (expressed in inches and hundredths).

Canada for February, 1888, as determined from the reports of geographical districts in columns for mean temperature, preabout eight hundred stations, is exhibited on chart iv. In the cipitation, and departures from the normal, show respectively table of miscellaneous meteorological data are given, for each the average for the several districts. The normal for any dis-

The distribution of precipitation over the United States and ures from the normal. The figures opposite the names of the Signal Service station, the total precipitation, with the depart-trict may be found by adding the departure to the current mean when the precipitation is below the normal, and sub-

tracting when above.

In the Missouri Valley and the northern and middle slopes the Precipitation was normal; in the southern slope, Canadian Maritime Provinces, south Atlantic and the east Gulf states it was sta decidedly above normal, and in all other districts there was a deficiency. In the east Gulf states the rainfall amounted to 66 per cent. more than the average, and in the south Atlantic states, 25 per cent., while in northern Florida and the southern slope the precipitation was more than double the average. In the west Gulf states there was a deficiency amounting to nearly 20 per cent. of the average; in this district, however, there was a large excess on the eastern Texas and Louisiana coasts, while a very large deficiency occurred in the northern portion. In the st lower lake region and lower Ohio valley there was less than half of the normal February precipitation; in New England and the middle Atlantic states it amounted to about 75 and 90 per cent., respectively, of the normal. On the Pacific coast there was slightly less than half the average amount of rain in Washington and Oregon and only about one-third of the average in California.

DEVIATIONS FROM AVERAGE PRECIPITATION.

The following table shows for certain stations, as reported by voluntary observers, (1) the average precipitation for a series of years; (2) the length of record during which the observers is the average has servations have been taken, and from which the average has been computed; (3) the total precipitation for February, 1888; (4) the departures of the current month from the average; (5) and the extreme monthly precipitation for February during the period of observations and the year of occurrence:

State		ge for the of Feb.	(2) Length of record	1 for Feb., 1888.	ture from age.		treme m		
State and station.	County.	Average month of	ength	Total 188	Departure f average.	Gre	atest.	Lea	st.
		(E)	(2) L	F	(4) I	Am't.	Year.	Am't.	Year.
Arkansas. Lead Hill California.	Boone	Inches 6-04	Years 6	Inches	Inches. -4.23	Inches 10.93	1884	Inches.	1885
Salinas	Sacramento . Monterey	2.24	22 16	0·55 0·53	-2.52 -1.71	7·12 8·77	1878 1878	0·35 0·00	1886 1874
Greenitt's Island .	Brevard	2.77	11	6.01	+3.24	6.01	1888	0.15	1882
Greenville Peoria Prairieville Riley	Bond Peoria	2.10	5 32	2.75 1.66	-1.22 -0.44				
Rilan	Lee	3.22 1.79	8	I · 40 I · 17	-1.82 -0.62				
Sycamore Sandwich	DeKalb	2.58	25 7	1.16	-1.42				
Logo Indiana.	DeKalb	2.88	38	2.59	0.29	•••••			·····
Logansport Spiceland Sunman	Cass	2.75	34 28	2.65	-0.10 -1.48	7·40 8·10	1881 1883	0.15	1868
Sunman Vevay	Ripley	4.72	26 5	2.28	-2.44	7.48	1884	2.28	1872
Cres lowa.	Switzerland.	3.65	21	1.64	2·0I	10.23	1884	0.40	1877
ottticello	Howard Jones	0·95 1·92	15 34	1.02	+0.07 -0.44	4.62	1887	 0. 32	1877
Lawrence	Douglas	1.28	21	1.27	0·0I	4.60	1881	0.03	1870
atea Conta	ម្តីពួកការុកព	I • I 2	10	1.12	0.00	3.73	1883	0.15	1879
			8	1.49	-0.44	3.64	1881	0.55	1885
Grand Coteau Mandeville	Beint Landry	0.92	7 6	7.44	-2·73 +4·43		· · · · · · · · · · ·	•••••	
Mandeville New Iberia	St. Tammany	6.13	4	9.02	-2.89				
New Iberia. Mains. Gardiner Maryland	Iberia	3.10	4	6.01	12.91	······	••••••	•••••	
oumbant """	Kennebec	3.64	50	5-90	+-2·26	9.47		• • • • • • •	
Cumberland. Massachusetts. Somerset. Newburyport	Alleghany	2.45	16	2.15	-0.30	4.93	1882	0.60	1877
	Bristol Essex	3.63 4.76	18 9	2.87 4.65	-0.76 -0.11	6.75	1886	2.99	1880
Kalom	Lapeer	2.25	12	0.83	-1.42				
Adrian New Hampshire	Kalamazoo	2.77	13	1.50 2.20	-1·27 -1·29	•••••	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	
Concord.	Marrimos	•	10	3.69	+0.47	5.55	1876	0.40	1877
		-	17				,	0.40	1
Moorestown New York.	Essex Burlington	3·77 3·45	18 25	4. I2 2. II	+0·35 -1·34	6.10	1881 1885	0·53	187 7 1877
Humphrey	Oswego	2.81	35	1.91 1.74	-0.90 -1.45	7·20 7·30	1866 1887	0.10	1874 1885
			5	1.70	-1.19	5.70	1870	1.57	1872
Tiffin Lewisburg	Seneca	2.89	17	1.95	-0.70	6.60	1887	0.35 1.03	1885
~~OU	177	Z. ~ X	14		—I. I2		1887	0.12	

		for the f Feb.	(2) Length of record.	r Feb.,	re from	(5) Ex	treme m tion for	onthly p Februar	recip- y.
State and station.	County.	(1) Average month of	ıgth of	tal for 1888.	Departure f average.	Gre	Greatest.		st.
		(r) Av mo	(z) Leı	(3) Total	(S	Am't.	Year.	Am't.	Year.
Oregon.		Inches	Years	Inches		Inches		Inches.	
Albany	Linn	6.18	9	1.26		13.08	1881	1.26	1888
Corry	Erie	3.72	3	2.03	-1.69	6.79	1887	2.34	1886
Dyberry	Wayne	2.86	:0	3.07	+0.21	5.59	1884	0.60	1877
Grampian Hills	Clearfield	3.47	24	1.73	-1.74				
Wellsborough South Carolina.	Tioga	5.34	11	4.54	0.80		• • • • • • •		
Stateburg Tennessee.	Sumter	2.49	7	4.08	十1.59	4.08	1888	1.18	1883
Milan	Gibson	4.93	6	1.90	-3.03	7.96	1884	1.90	1888
New Ulm	Austin	4.54	16	4.66	+0.12	10.94	1882	1.06	1885
Corsicans	Navarro		3	4.91	+2.07	4.9î	1888	1.11	1887
Strafford	Orange	3.00	13	2.00	—ı.∞	5.9	1887	0.30	1877
Bird's Nest	Northampton	3.66	19	2.55	-1.11	6.55	1884	1.60	1878
Dale Enterprise	Rockingham.	3.45	8	2.63	— 0.82	9.00	1884	0.83	1882
Variety Mills	Nelson	3.64	9	3.50	-0. 14	7.12	1884	1.75	1879
Wytheville West Virginia.	Wythe	3.30	24	2.60	-0.70	8.00	1862	0.30	1877
Helvetia	Randolph	5.06	12	2.79	-2.27	8.18	1883	0.94	1877
Parkersburg	Wood	4.57	2	1.72	-2.85	7.42	1887	1.72	1888

Deviations from average precipitation—Continued.

SLEET.

During the month sleet was of common occurrence in the eastern and southeastern states, being more frequent in the first and middle decades than during the latter part of the month.

SNOW.

Only the dates of snow in Southern States are given, which are as follows:

Alabama.—Auburn, 14th; New Market, 26th, 27th; Montgomery, 27th.

Georgia. - Forsyth, 26th; Marietta, 27th; Atlanta, 26th and

Mississippi.—Lamar, 9th, 27th, and on latter date at Palo Alto, Tupelo, Batesville, Starkville, and University.

South Carolina.—Black's, Cedar Springs, and Clinton, 27th. MONTHLY SNOWFALLS (in inches and tenths).

There was no appreciable amount of snowfall during the month to the south of the thirty-fifth parallel, except in the Rocky Mountain regions, and it appears that less than the usual quantity fell in the northern portions of the country. From Kansas and Nebraska eastward over Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois, the snowfalls generally ranged from 2 to 6; in Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky, from 1 to 4. In Colorado, Dakota, Minnesota, the Lake region, New England, and portions of New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, the monthly fall was greater than in the states above-mentioned, but comparatively few stations report depths exceeding 10 inches. In the mountain regions of New England, monthly snowfalls of from 20 to 30 inches occurred, while along the southern coast comparatively little fell.

The following monthly snowfalls of ten inches or more occurred; but in states having less, the maximum amount is also given:

Arizona: Prescott, 2. Arkansas: Eureka Springs, 0.6. California: Cisco, 7. Colorado: Aspen, 25; Pandora, 23; Trinidad, 11. Connecticut: New Hartford, 11.2. Dakota: Richardton, 18.8; Rapid City, 16.2. District of Columbia: Washington City, 7.2. Georgia: Marietta, 0.3. Idaho: Boisé City, trace. Illinois: Woodstock, 9.5. Indiana: Jeffersonville, 6.6. Iowa: Humboldt, 8. Kansas: Leavenworth, 3. Kentucky: Louisville, 5. Maine: Lewiston, 24.8; Cornish, 23.5; Orono, 20.5; Eastport, 14.4; Portland, 13.8; Gardiner, 13.2; Belfast, 13; Skowhegan, 12.4; Bar Harbor, 12.2. Maryland: New Midway, 9. Massachusetts: Groton, 17; Deerfield, 16; Concord, 14.2; Dudley, 14; Westborough, 12.5; Worcester, 12.3; Lawrence, 12.2; Blue Hill Observatory, Gilbertville, and Springfield, 12; Newburyport, 11.5; Ludlow, 10.6. Michigan:

Calumet, 20.5; Benzonia, 18.5; Hillman, 16; Traverse City, 15.5; Escanaba, 14.8; Alpena, 13.7; Lathrop, 13.6; Buchanan, 12; Marquette, 11.9; Hartford, Maple Hill, and Hart, 11; Mackinaw City, 10.6; Harrisville and North Marshall, 10. Minnesota: Saint Vincent, 22; Northfield, 10. Mississippi: Palo Alto, 1. Missouri: Pierce City, 4.5. Montana: Fort Maginnis, 36.5; Fort Assinaboine, 19.2. Nebraska: Hay Springs, 13.5. Nevada: Toano, 4. New Hampshire: North Conway, 31.5; Reymouth, 22.5; Shelburne, 18; Concord, 17; Berlin Mills, 16.5; Manchester, 15.5; Nashua, 12.8; Hanover and Antrim, 11. New Jersey: Atlantic City, 4.8. New Mexico: Fort Stanton, 10.5. New York: Utica, 19.8; Saratoga, 19; Ina: trace. Observed. October Other Carellina: trace. October Other Other Carellina: trace. October Other Other Carellina: trace. October Other Ot Palermo, 12.8; White Plains, 12; Oswego, 11.3. North Carolina: trace. Ohio: Cleveland, 5.2. Oregon: La Grande, 2.2. Pennsylvania: Bernice, 18; Allegheny College, 16.5; Dyberry, 14.7; Eagle's Mere, 14; Blooming Grove, 12; Girardville, 11.7; Scranton, 11.3; Drifton, 10.5. Rhode Island: Woonsocket, 5. South Carolina: Cedar Springs, trace. Tennessee: Cookville, 3.5. Texas: El Paso, 1.8. Utah: Salt Lake City, 8.2. Vermont: Strafford, 21; Woodstock, 20.5; Brattle-borough, 20; Northfield, 18.6; Newport, 18; Manchester, 17.1; Burlington, 12. Virginia: Rappahannock, 11.3. Washington Territory: Spokane Falls, 3.1. West Virginia: Middle-brook, 22; Helvetia, 14.2. Wisconsin: Waucousta, 20.5; Green Bay, 17.8; Embarras, 14.5; Delavan, 11.6. Wyoming: Camp Sheridan, 20.2; Fort Washakie, 10.4.

DEPTH OF UNMELTED SNOW ON GROUND AT END OF MONTH. [Expressed in inches and tenths.]

At the end of February there was practically no unmelted snow on the ground in districts to south of the fortieth parallel east of the Rocky Mountains. In portions of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and in the mountains of New England,

there were from twenty to fifty inches.

Arizona: Prescott, 7. Arkansas: Eureka Springs, 0.6; Lead Hill, 0.1. Colorado: Pike's Peak, 3; Denver, 1. Connecticut: New Hartford, 10; Middletown and New Haven, trace. Dakota: Richardton, 12; Webster, 7; Bismarck and Fort Totten, 6; Huron, 4; Rapid City, 1.8; Parkston and Fort Sully, trace. District of Columbia: Washington City, trace. Illinois: Belvidere 3: Lake Forest Woodstock and Riley 2: Codarville videre, 3; Lake Forest, Woodstock, and Riley, 2; Cedarville, 1.3; Sycamore, 1; Aurora, Oswego, Prairieville, Ottawa, Hennepin and Oneida, trace. *Iowa:* Cresco, 1.8; Maquoketa, 4; Dubuque, 3.5; Muscatine, 3; Cedar Rapids, 0.8; West Bend, Dubuque, 3.5; Muscatine, 3; Cedar Rapids, 0.8; West Bend, 0.6; Clinton, 1; Fort Madison, drifts. *Maine*: Cornish, 36; Lewiston, 30; Gardiner and Showhegan, 24; Portland, Belfast and Fairfield, 12; Bar Harbor, 6; Orono, 5; Eastport, 1.4. *Massachusetts*: Rowe, 36; Deerfield, 16; Groton, 12; Fitchburg a, 9; Amherst, 6; Westborough, 6 (in the woods); Fitchburg b, 4; Lowell and Newburyport, 3; Milton, 1; Gilbertville, drifts; Blue Hill Observatory, trace. *Michigan*: Calumet, 56; Central Mine, 55; Lothrop, 44; West Branch, 36; Marquette, 31; Maple Hill, 27; Mackinaw City, Snowflake and Benzonia, 20; Hart and Bear Lake, 19; Fletcher, 18; Mio, 16: Big Ranids, 14: Hillman, 13: Alpena, 10: Escanaba Mio, 16; Big Rapids, 14; Hillman, 13; Alpena, 10; Escanaba and May, 8; Greenville, 6; Grand Haven, 5.8; Alma, 4.5; Bad Axe, 4; Saint Louis, 3; Traverse City and North Marshall, 2; Williamston and Hastings, 1; Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Pulaski, 0.5. Minnesota: Minneapolis and Spring Valley, 24; Red Wing, 23; Rochester, 22; Princeton, 21; Glenwood and Morris, 20; Leech Lake Dam, 19; Pine River Dam, 18: Lake Winnihigashish Dam, 16: Spirt Clearl, 15; Dam, 18; Lake Winnibigoshish Dam, 16; Saint Cloud, 15.5 Duluth and Alexandria, 15; Northfield, 12; Saint Paul, 10 Mankato, 7; Rolling Green, 6; Moorhead, 4; Pokegama Falls Dam, 2.9; Saint Vincent, 2. Missouri: Pierce City, trace Montana: Poplar River, 6.7; Fort Maginnis, Fort Custer, and Fort Assinaboine, 4; Helena, 2. Nebraska: Valentine and Hay Springs, 2; North Platte, 0.1; Marquette, trace. New Hampshire: Plymouth, 36; Hanover, 35; Walpole, 30; Concord, 18; Manchester a, 9; Manchester b, 8.5; Nashua, 6. New York, Utica, 21; Palama, 20; Converte, 8.5; Converte No. 5. York: Utica, 21; Palermo, 20; Oswego, 10; Cooperstown, 5;

Sault Sainte Marie, 56.5; Central Mine, 23; Bear Lake, 21.2; Menands, 3; Humphrey and Albany, 2; Buffalo and Rochester, 1; Boyd's Corners and Ithaca, drifts. Ohio: Garrettsville, trace. Pennsylvania: Dyberry, 18; Wellsborough, 14.3; Blooming Grove, 12; Drifton, 6; Grampian Hills, 4; Eric, 0.6; Quakertown, drifts; Phillipsburg and State College, trace.

EXCESSIVE PRECIPITATION.

Table showing for the month of February monthly rainfalls of 10 inches, or more; rainfalls of 2.50 inches, or more, in any 24 consecutive hours; and rainfalls equaling or exceeding one inch in one hour.

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Mobile Do			1872	.5	3.45				
Do	1		1880	19	2.78			Į.	
Do			1881	6	4.01				
Montgomany	• • • • • • •		1887	20	4.22		· [
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Do			1884	17	2.95	:			
Arkansas.					33	:	1	1	
Fort Smith	1884	10.72	1883	23-24	2.53	į	• •••		
Little Rock	• • • • • • •		1884	10-11	2.61	1882		1	2.00
Do			. 1880	28	2.63	1002	.		2.00
Do			1881	17-18	2.88	1			
Do	••,••••		1882	7	2.79	1	• • • • •		
1)0	••;•••••		1882	27-28	2.59				
Do	•• ••••		1884	6	3. 17				
Do			1887	13-14	2.50	• • • • • •	$\cdot \cdots $		
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Boston Massachusetts.		Inches.	1886	12	Inches 4·45			h. m.	Inches
Grand Haven					····	1883	16	1 00	1.00
Vicksburg			1887	19-20	2.53				
Saint Louis			1857	.5	2.91				
Saint Louis Do Do Vew Jersey.			1859 1882	24 19-20	3.63 4.44				
Lambertville			1854 1866	26	3.40				ļ
D0				12	2.90				
			1885 1886	9-10 11-12	2.62 3.25				
Oneida	1874	18.87	1874 1874	24-25 13	11.70				
Nichols Oneids  Ashville Oharlotte				24	2.60			ļ <b>.</b> .	
Charlotte Hatteras			1883	17-18 4-5	2.63 3.20	1884 1877	10	1 00 1 00	1.00
Murphy			1880	2-3	3.54				
Carthogon Unio.				21-22	2.50				
Carthagena Cincinnati			1874 1874	21	2.50				
D	• • • • • •		1884 1887	5-6 <b>2</b> -3	2.98				
oleveland			1883	2-3 10-11	3.62				
Astoria	1874	12.63	:	<b></b> .					
£2	1885 1874	10.59	1884	18-19	2.85				
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Portland	1879 1878	10.20 12.16	1879	11-12 27-28	2.80				
Do	1879 1881	13.22 13.36	1882	27-20	2.78				
D0.7	1882	10.49			•••••		••••	•••••	
	• • • • • •		1883	3-4	3.35			•••••	
Leland			1886 1886	11-12 11-12	3·50 4·54				
Tagansett Pier	1885	11.20			•••••		····		
onarieston	1874	10.45	1884	16-17	2.79				····
-uautanooga.			1879 1884	16-17 6-7	2.79 3.19				
Knoxville	1873	12.52	1873	11-12	3.08	1873	11	0 50	1.00
P	1875	10.18	1875 1879 1884	16-17	2.50	1873 1881	18	0 45 I 00	1.00
Memphia	<b>.</b>		1873	8-9 15-16	2.75 3.17				
			1880	10-11 12-13	3·10 3·05				
Nashville Do	•••••		1874 1874	2I-22 2I-22	5·96 5·26				
Do			1881 1881	12-13 18	5·20 2·59	1874	21	o 51	
Nashville Do. Do. Do. Do. Do. Texas.						1880	13	0 55	1.00
Belmont Farm	,		:878	6-7 26-28	3.00				
Galveston	1874	12.25	1874 1872 1881	27-28	3.69	1872	27	o 55	3.04
Melissa			1881 1877	11-13	3.62 7.31	1888	22	0 55 1 00	3.31
Palestine			1875 1685	14-15	2.75	1872 1888			
Belmont Farm  Clarksville Galveston  Do Melissa New Ulm Palestine  Virginia.	• • • • • •		1875	20			į.		1
Norfolk	· · · · · · ·		1875	24 8-9	2.56				
Do	• • • • • •		1873	6-7	2.53				
Bainbridge Island	1878	10.22					<b></b>		
Capeville Virginia. Lynchburg Norfolk. Do. Bainbridge Island Canby, Fort Neah Bay Do. Do. Do.	1885 1885	11.20	1885	25-26	2.61		<b> ::::</b>		
Olympia	1886	14.13	1881	6-7 5-6 27-28 27-28	2.61				
Dlympia Do Do Pysht	1879	15.59 16.28					····		
ysht Tatoosh Talami	1885	16.28 12.37 13.28	-004						<b> </b>
Do	1885 1882	13.28	1886	5-6	2.74		<b> ::::</b>	<b> </b>	
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Tatoosh Island Do Do Do Do Do Do	1887	11.30	1887	27-28 27-28 27-28	3.66				

The records of the regular and voluntary Signal Service stations, covering periods ranging in general from twelve to seventeen years, show that during the month of February very few rainfalls in excess of one inch per hour have minneapolis.

Occurred since establishment of stations, and that they have been most frequent in the state of Tennessee. At 

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Galveston, Tex., there have been two storms during which 3 inches or more have fallen in one hour or less; these are the most remarkable hourly rainfalls occurring in February that are shown by Signal Service records.

Rainfalls amounting to, or exceeding, two inches for a period of twenty-four hours or less, in the month of February, have not been offrequent occurrence in any part of the United States, and over extensive portions of the country no such rainfalls have ever been reported; the latter is true of the upper lake region, extreme northwest, Missouri and Rio Grande valleys, and Rocky Mountain districts. The portions of country that have been most frequently subjected to daily rainfalls of 2.50 inches, or more, are the Gulf States, Tennessee, and the central Mississippi valley; the records at Mobile, Ala., and Little Rock, Ark., showing the largest number of storms of this character. In the upper Ohio valley, lower lake region, and the states bordering on the Atlantic coast, the records of many stations show that no such rain storms have ever occurred, and that not more than two have been recorded at any one station.

Monthly rainfalls of ten inches, or more, in February in past years have been confined principally to the north Pacific coast, in which region they have been comparatively frequent; other sections of the country in which they have occurred are eastern Tennessee and the adjacent portions of North Carolina and Georgia, and southern Louisiana.

The geographical distribution of excessive monthly, daily, and hourly rainfalls for the months of January and February appears to be much the same, but on the north Pacific coast they are more frequent in January than in the succeeding month.

Excessive precipitation for the month of February. 1888.

•		Specially heavy.									
States and stations.	Monthly, 6 inches, or more.	2 i	nches, c	or more, ay.	At rate of 1 inch, or more, per hour.						
		Am't.	Dura- tion.	Date.	Am't.	Dura- tion.	Date.				
Alabama			h. m.			h. m.					
Alabama. Mobile	10.33	2.74	16 00	23	1		l				
Montgomery		2.62	10 49	23							
Union Springs	6.57	2.95	24 00	22							
Auburn		2.79	24 00	24							
Monroe		2.05	24 00	22							
Gadsden	1	2.00	24 00	24							
Talladega		2.12	24 00	7							
Bermuda		2.05	•••••	22							
New Hartford	7.07	2.25	*	20, 21	<b> </b> -						
Saint Francis Barracks.	9.20	4.80		2			[ <b></b>				
Do		2.60	23 00	10, 11							
Tallahassee	8. 10	4.30									
Duke	7.35	4.00	31 00								
l'itusville	7.11	2.08	23 40								
Pensacola	6.86	2.61	24 30	22, 23							
Manatee	6.82 6.01			•••••							
Merritt's Island			14 00	21							
Archer Cedar Keys Georgia		2.26	8 05	21							
Quitman	7.75	3.60	25 30	20, 21							
Forsyth	7.37		• • • • • • •								
Milledgeville Illinois.	6.34	2.35	24 00	² 3							
Rockford	ŀ	2.25		. 8							
Tulsa.	6.869	4.80?		24							
Louisiana. Donaldsonville	11.63	5.10		22	l		l				
New Orleans		3.73	*	23, 24	1						
Mandeville		4.42		22, 23							
Luling	8.19	2.19		20							
Do		2.79	• • • • • • •	22, 23			[				
Morgan City	7.60	2.60		23	• • • • • •						
Frand Coteau	7.44	5.32	52 00	22 to 24	• • • • • •						
Lake Charles		4.50	• • • • • • •	22	• • • • • •						
New Iberia Videlia		2.25		10							
V 10e118		3.50		22, 23							
Clinton		3.05		22							
Breanx Bridge		2.53		23							
Breaux Bridge Baint Martinsville		3.05		23							
Abbevillea		2.80		22							
Abbeville b		3.02	• • • • • • •	22		• • • • • • • • •					
Maine.	6.11	2.26	•	20	l		l				
Orono Portland		2.25		20, 21							
Minnesota.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3		**, **	l		l				
Minneapolis	l	2.38	•	11							
Mississippi.					1						
Biloxi	8.90	6.40	102 00	20 to 24	1	[					
tarkville	6.86			' <del></del> .	I	1	1, , , , , , , , , , ,				

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		Specially heavy.								
States and stations.	Monthly, 6 inches, or more.	2	inches, o	or more,	At rate of 1 inch, or more, per hour.					
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Conception		2.00	•	3	·····					
Tenafly  New York.	6. or	2.80		25						
White Plains		3.90	24 00 24 00	20 21						
Garrison Utica North Carolina.		2.02	24 00	4, 5						
Salem										
Southport										
Wilmington		3-41	25 10	20, 21		•••••				
Easton										
Wellsborough South Carolina.	1	3.00	15 40			•••••				
Abbeville										
Evergreen		2.14		25			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			
Newbury		2,00		24						
Balfast	6.25			}		• • • • • • • •				
Cedar Springs	6.00	3.52		25	• • • • • •	• • • • • • •				
Black's		2.00		25		• • • • • • • •				
Galveston	7.54	3.75	12 58	22	3.31	1 00				
Austin		4.27	32 30	14, 15						
Cedar Hills		3.50	24 15	22, 23						
Corpus Christi  Vermont.			•••••		1.30	1 00	4			
Manchester	•••••	2-10	19 00	20	·····					
Neah Ray	7.86		l <b></b>	1	1	l	<b>-</b>			

*Less than 24 hours.

In the following table are given rainfalls of 2.50 inches or more per day, and of 1 inch or more per hour, as shown by records of self-registering rain-gauges at stations of the Philadelphia Water Department:

		2.50 inches or more per day.					1.00 inch or more per hour.				
Station.	Length of record.	Date.		Duration.		Amount.	Date.		Duration.		Amonnt.
Frederick	1885-'7	Aug.	3, 1885	h. 16	m. 30	Inches a5.04	Aug.	3, 1885	ስ. 0	m. 24	Inches 1.00
Doylestown	1884-'7	June Aug. May June 22	26, 1884 3, 1885 8, 1886 1-23, 1887	8 15 23 9	50 0 13 7	4.00 65.89 3.42 2.51	June Aug. Aug. July	26, 1884 5, 1884 3, 1885 30, 1887	0 1 0	14 14 20 12	0.50 b2.03 1.50 0.76
Philadelphia (Water Dep't.)	1885	Aug. May June 22 Sept. 11	3, 1885 8, 1886 8-23, 1887 1-12, 1887	13 27 10 10	24 30 54 5	3.86 3.36 2.97 2.66	July July Aug. Aug. May July July	6, 1884 7, 1885 3, 1885 25, 1885 8, 1886 23, 1887 26, 1887	1 0 0 0	0 29 25 56 11 44 33	1.50 0.90 2.80 1.15 0.16 d1.86 81.16
Forks of Ne- shaminy.	1886-'7	May June 22	8, 1886 1-23, 1887	18 12	18 39	2.46 3.12	July	29, 1887	0	42	1.16

a, of this amount, 3.27 inches fell in 4 hours and 8 minutes; rate per hour, 0.78. b, 1.30 of this amount in 20 minutes; rate per hour, 3.90. c, 4.40 of this amount in 1 hour and 43 minutes; rate per hour, 2.52. d, 0.92 of this amount in 13 minutes; rate per hour, 4.26. e, 0.62 of this amount in 7 minutes; rate per hour, 5.34.

For the above data the Chief Signal Officer is indebted to Chief Engineer John L. Ogden, Board of Public Works, Philadelphia, Pa.

The most remarkable of these rainfalls were those of August 3, 1885, on which date more than 5.00 inches fell at Frederick minutes on August 15th.

and Doylestown, more than 3.00 inches falling in about four hours at the former station, and nearly 4.50 inches in one hour and forty-three minutes at the latter station, while the amount given for thirteen hours in Philadelphia is nearly 4.00 inches. The storm of July 26, 1887, appears to have given the heaviest rate of fall per hour (5.34 inches); but this storm was of short duration, the actual amount of rainfall being 0.62 inch for seven minutes; it is, therefore, possible that this fall may have been equalled or exceeded in some of the other storms recorded, and it is probable that during the remarkably heavy fall at Doylestown on August 3, 1885, a rate of fall was attained which would have given a much larger amount than 2.52 inches per hour, the actual fall for that storm.

Rainfalls of four inches or more, and the heaviest rainfalls of each year, during a single storm, at Saint Louis, Mo., from 1838 to 1887, as shown by records of the late Dr. G. Engelmann (from 1838-'77) and of the signal office (1878-'87).

Year.	Month.	Date.	Dura- tion.	Am't.	Year.	Month.	Date.	Dura- tion.	Am't.
1838. 1839. 1840. 1841. 1842. 1843. 1844. 1845. 1846. 1847. 1848. {	January June October August June June May May June October May June June June June August July November	. 6-7 7-8 18 22 30 9 15-16 22 3-4 20-22 21-22 15-6 26-27	h. m. 14 00 30 00 21 00 5 00 16 00 2 00 33 00 11 06 15 00 49 00 3 00 29 00 1 00 29 00 20 00	Inch. 2.07 2.81 3.73 4.78 1.96 2.30 4.37 3.70 4.00 6.59 5.17 7.55 5.05 3.88 4.38	1861 1862 1863 1864 1865 1866 1869 1870 1871 1871 1872 1873 1874 1875	Mareh Decembet August May August May August November August January June June June June June June June	31 13-14 9-10 10 29-30 31 27 • 30 16 2 2 13-14 27 9-10 2-4	h. m. 10 00 30 00 25 00 10 00 3 00 18 00 11 00 18 00 4 00 4 00 4 00 27 00 28 00 3 00 16 00	Inch. 2.34 4.47 3.86 2.34 4.90 3.23 4.42 3.90 3.15 2.50 3.00 3.49 2.58 3.10 2.43
1851 1852 1853 1855 1856 1857 1858 1859	August	2-3 11-13 2-3 26-27 15 30 6 11 4 18-20 2-3	21 00 53 00 35 00 22 00 8 00 5 00 9 00 10 00 15 00 30 00 12 00	3.95 5.54 2.88 4.34 4.19 3.80 2.91 4.18 5.00 7.83 3.73	1879 1878 1879 1880 1881 1882 1883 1884 1885 1886	June	9-10 14 8-9 17-18 19-20 15	13 00 11 00 5 00 8 00 26 40 24 00 1 35 1 25 14 05 4 20 7 35	1.64 3.23 2.00 1.32 2.99 4.44 1.85 1.34 3.12 2.62 2.32

*Gauge filled and ran over.

Norg.—The duration of the rain, as given above, covers some time when the rain is very light.

The record at Saint Louis shows that during the last forty. seven years storms giving rainfalls of four inches or more occurred nineteen times, and that these nineteen storms occurred in thirteen years, leaving thirty-four years of the period free from such storms. The duration of the storms giving four or more inches of rainfall ranges from one and onequarter to fifty-three hours, the average being about twentyone hours. The total duration of all storms (for which the precipitation was four or more inches) was four hundred and sixteen hours, and the aggregate rainfall 91.42 inches, the average per hour being 0.23 inch. By months, these storms occurred as follows: 1 in February; 2 in March; 1 in April; 3 in May; 4 in June; 1 in July; 3 in August; 1 in October; 1 in November; 2 in December; none occurred in January or September, and about forty per cent. of the entire number oc-curred in May and June. The year 1848, with respect to these storms, was the most remarkable one of the whole series, there having been four in that year; the same year also shows the maximum rate of fall, viz., 5.05 inches in one hour and fifteen

### WINDS.

The most frequent directions of the wind during February, 1888, are shown on chart ii, by arrows flying with the wind. In most districts the prevailing winds of the month were variable, as will be seen from the chart; they were, however, generally from southwest, west, or northwest in the Lake region, New England, and the middle Atlantic states.

### HIGH WINDS.

No maximum velocities of fifty or more miles per hour, other than those given in the table of miscellaneous meteorological data, have been reported.

### LOCAL STORMS.

Chester, Nassau Co., Fla.: at 6.30 a.m. on the 7th a severe